From: Amy Meltzer
To: Zondervan, Quinton
Subject: Re: proposed boycott of Hewlett Packard
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 8:07:45 AM

Hi Quinton, thanks for the explanation. Unfortunately i doubt there is any way to address this issue without it becoming inflammatory. You probably know that there are Jewish organizations that define any criticism of Israel as antisemitic, so all attempts at discussion immediately become polarized and emotional. So I hope you and the city council can find a productive way forward. Maybe starting with private discussions so representatives of opposing groups don't feel compelled to wave their flags for the public. Maybe the Public Conversation Project could be helpful- they have worked on bringing together polarized groups on other issues, like abortion, and at least got to a place where people could listen respectfully to each other.

Anyway good luck and thanks for taking the time to respond to my previous messages!

Amy

> On Apr 23, 2018, at 3:49 PM, Zondervan, Quinton <qzondervan@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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> Somebody jumped the gun and let it be known that this was happening, obviously prematurely :-) In the process a lot of misinformation was spread :-(The agenda is available online. I can't say whether or not it will come up another time but if so, probably not in its present form which is too divisive and inflammatory to properly consider, as evidenced by the maelstrom it generated :-/ I'm meeting with the proponents soon to hopefully figure out a more productive way to carry out this conversation.
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> Best,
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> Q
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>> On Apr 23, 2018, at 2:47 PM, ameltzerma@comcast.net wrote:
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>> Hi Quinton,
>> Do you know why there is so much publicity about it? I'm getting mailings and emails. Is it coming up at another time?
>> Thanks,
>> Amy
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Apr 23, 2018, at 2:13 PM, Zondervan, Quinton <qzondervan@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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>>> Thanks Amy, there is no such resolution before us on the

agenda. Best,

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On Apr 23, 2018, at 1:24 PM, Amy Meltzer <ameltzerma@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Cambridge City Councilors, Mayor and Vice Mayor,

I am a long term resident of Cambridge, and I am Jewish. I do not see the proposed boycott of Hewlett-Packard as anti-Semitic - it is anti- oppression. Calling the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement anti-Semitic is like saying the sanctions imposed on South Africa during apartheid were anti-white. The purpose of the boycott is to pressure Israel to change its policies in order to restore the rights of the Palestinian people. Please do not cave in to the emotionally charged rhetoric of groups like the Israeli-American Coalition for Action. Please support the progressive values of our city, and vote for the boycott resolution.

Thank you,

Amy Meltzer
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